

Opposes McCone for CIA Chief

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Washington, Jan. 29 (NEWS Bureau).—Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.) today opposed nomination of John A. McCone to be director of the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency on grounds that he had the wrong qualifications for the job.

"You might have a man who can play the drums, but that doesn't qualify him for first violin," McCarthy said in a Senate speech.

McCone, a wealthy California businessman, was undersecretary of the Air Force under President Truman and chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission under President Eisenhower.



John A. McCone

McCarthy conceded that McCone had a "fine record" in serving the government but that the CIA espionage setup was different from anything McCone had done before.

He also complained that he had little or no knowledge of where McCone stood on foreign policy issues. McCarthy said the "total pattern" of his information on McCone convinced him he should not vote for his confirmation.

21 Others OK'd

Before opening debate on the McCone nomination, which will be voted on Wednesday, McCarthy quickly confirmed other nominations by Sen. Kennedy.

Chester Bowles, former ambassador to France, was named

as special representative of the President and ambassador-at-large; George Ball as Bowles' successor as undersecretary of state, and Fred G. Dutton, formerly of the White House staff, as an assistant secretary of state.